

QUALITY  
TELLS IN THE CIRCULATION OF  
A NEWSPAPER—EVERY ADVERTISING  
SHOT TELLS IN THE HERALD  
BECAUSE IT REACHES PEOPLE  
WITH MONEY TO SPEND.

SEMI-WEEKLY

# DECATUR HERALD.

THE WEATHER.  
Washington, Jan. 1—(Herald)  
colder Friday, Saturday  
southwest to northwest winds.

TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1904.

NO.

## SIX HUNDRED AND FORTY FATALITIES IN CHICAGO HORROR

### Evidence Accumulates to Show Criminal Negligence on Part of Management of The Iroquois.

## SURVIVORS TELL OF FINDING PADLOCKED DOORS

### Stage Employes Arrested on At- tempting to Leave City on Advice of Stage Manager.

## NEW YEAR GREETED IN SILENCE

**Dead Now Reach 560.**  
Chicago, Jan. 1.—Bulletin.—At 2 30  
Friday morning 560 persons were iden-  
tified among the dead. There still re-  
main fifty of fifty-five unidentified.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—For the first time  
since Chicago has possessed bells to  
peal, whistles to shriek and horns to  
blow the old year out was allowed  
to silently take its place in history  
and the new year permitted to come  
with no evidence of joy at its birth.

**Mayor's Proclamation.**  
In a proclamation issued this after-  
noon by Mayor Harrison he made the  
suggestion that the usual New Year  
celebration be for this time omitted.  
The idea found a ready re-  
sponse in the hearts of the people and  
the mayor's words in fact only gave  
utterance to the unexpressed thoughts  
that had filled them all.

The appalling calamity of yesterday  
in the Iroquois theater has cast Chi-  
cago into the deepest grief and gloom,  
and for the time being at least seems  
to have chilled and dethroned all or-  
dinary ambitions of life. Business  
today was performed with the sole  
view to actual necessity and even that  
much has been carried on in a perfunctory  
manner.

**Mourners, Not Merry Makers.**  
Ordinarily on New Year's eve the  
streets are filled with merry-makers,  
but tonight the only throngs to be  
found were those around morgues, or-  
dinarily numbers of fashionable res-  
taurants in the heart of the city are  
filled with light-hearted revelers who  
toast the year that passes and hail  
the year that comes. Tonight these  
places were comparatively deserted  
and some of them closed entirely with  
doors locked and curtains drawn. Us-  
ually among these gay people are found  
many members of the theatrical pro-  
fession. Tonight not a single one of  
them was in evidence.

For the second time in her life Chi-  
cago has been stricken to the heart.  
Not only have many of her sons and  
daughters met death in a variety of  
horrible and torturing forms, but the  
blow has fallen almost as heavily upon  
strangers within her gates. There  
is hardly a village or town within a  
radius of one hundred miles of Chi-  
cago whose people are not directly or  
indirectly interested in the piles of  
dead or injured which fill the hos-  
pitals, or in the fate of those who  
seem to have passed from human  
knowledge, in the fact that it is be-  
lieved were in the ill-fated structure  
and of whom no word has since been  
heard. The list of dead continues,  
as it was given last night, in the  
neighborhood of 560.

**Place Number at 564.**  
It is generally accepted at this time  
that the most accurate estimate is 564.  
This number will be increased some-  
what, as there are people in the hos-  
pitals who cannot survive. It is be-  
lieved, however, that the total num-  
ber of dead will not in any event ex-  
ceed 575. Including the missing, it is  
estimated the total casualties is ap-  
proximately 1,000. There are among  
the missing names of many who are  
in homes and of some who were  
in the theater at all. In the first business is still on. The service was

excitement following the calamity  
these people were reported by their  
relatives as missing and a number of  
them have since returned to their  
homes and no report of this fact has  
been made to the police headquarters.  
Their names, however, still swell the  
list of the missing. When the names  
of the dead who are still to be iden-  
tified have been subtracted from the  
list of the missing it is probable the  
extent of the catastrophe will be fully  
revealed.

**Supposed Cause.**  
The best evidence obtainable is to  
the effect that the fire was caused by  
sparks from an arc light striking the  
edge of a drop curtain, but the actual  
fact will not be known until after the  
conclusion of the coroner's inquest. A  
city building inspector was at the  
theater just before the catastrophe and  
reported everything in good condition.

**Within and Without Law.**  
Today several inspectors from the  
city building department made an in-  
spection and declared the theater and  
its management were strictly within  
the law. Still there was no sprinkling  
system as provided by law, it had no  
fire alarm connections, nor did it have  
a venting shaft at the rear of the  
theater to conduct the flames and smoke  
from the auditorium in just such  
a manner as to escape yesterday. The  
law required these things.

**Relatives Pour In.**  
Arriving today brought  
relatives of persons thought to have  
been killed or injured. The lobbies  
of hotels were the scenes of many hap-  
py meetings, as well as anxious in-  
quiries. Many of these people re-  
turned to the hotels late in the even-  
ing after either a fruitless search for  
loved ones, or after finding in the  
charred and disfigured body lying in a  
morgue all that remained of the rel-  
ative or friend for whom they had  
searched.

Postmaster Frost, of Galeburg, Ill.,  
searched all day for his wife and  
daughter who came to Chicago Wed-  
nesday expressly to attend the Iro-  
quois theater. His search was in  
vain and he returned to his hotel to-  
night heartbroken and in despair of  
finding his family.

**Took Home Two Dead Children.**  
Mrs. B. L. Stoddard, of Minonk, Ill.,  
lay all morning at the Auditorium An-  
nex in a semi-conscious condition,  
grieving over the loss of her daughter,  
Zudel, and Donald, her six year old  
son. All had intended attending the  
matinee, but the mother becoming too  
ill to go, the children went alone. They  
were killed and the bodies were found  
in the morgue. This afternoon Mrs.  
Stoddard returned to Minonk, Ill.,  
with the bodies of her children.

**Sad Scenes in Morgue.**  
All day and until late at night  
crowds besieged the undertaking rooms  
and hospitals looking for the dead and  
injured. A constant succession of  
pale faced men and tearful women  
passed between the rows of bodies in  
their search for missing ones. In  
many instances women fainted when  
lifting the sheet from some face in  
which they recognized the features of  
a dead child or a beautiful young girl.  
The scenes enacted around the bodies  
of children were pathetic itself. There  
were so many of them and they had  
evidently been such beautiful children,  
and were so handsomely dressed, that  
the comparison between what they had  
been and what they were, caused men  
and women alike to turn away weep-  
ing from the bodies of the little ones.  
There has been no sadder feature con-  
nected with the disaster than the  
killing of so many children. It is the  
one thing that seems to overpower all  
visitors to the morgue beyond any-  
thing else.

**Telegraph and Telephone Swamped.**  
The telegraph and long distance tel-  
ephone offices are swamped with  
floods of inquiring messages. All day  
long messengers hurried throughout  
the city with great bundles of mes-  
sages and tonight a terrific rush of  
messages is still on. The service was

probably never before put to such a  
test.

**Coroner's First Move.**  
Coroner Tanager tonight conducted  
an informal inquiry into the cause of  
the fire. A number of witnesses were  
examined, but there were no new de-  
velopments. After the hearing Assis-  
tant State's Attorney Herr expressed  
the opinion that the draft which blew  
the fire curtain out so as to prevent  
its dropping, and which forced the  
flames into the auditorium and caused  
the panic, was due to some one open-  
ing a door leading from the rear of  
the stage to the street, rather than by  
audience opening a front door. He  
understood the theater managers  
claimed the draft was caused by the  
audience opening the front doors.

## DEATH ROLL CONTINUES TO GROW EACH HOUR

**ADDITIONS RECEIVED AFTER 3  
A. M. TOO LATE FOR CLASSI-  
FICATION.**

ARON, MARGARET  
ADAMS, MRS JOHN, Iola, Ill.  
ALFSON, ALFRED  
ALBERTSON, ALFRED  
ANDERSON, ANNIE  
BOND, MISS LUCILLE, Hart, Mich.  
BOWMAN, MISS BEATRICE  
BEZNEK, JOSEPH  
BAXLEY, HELEN  
BATTENFIELD, MRS. D. H., Del-  
aware, Ohio  
BROWN, HAROLD  
BRADY, LEON  
CHRISTIAN, HENRIETTA  
COCHRANE, MISS FLORENCE  
CASPER, CHARLES F., Kenosha,  
Wis.

CORBIN, LOUISA  
DORRO, LILLIAN  
DIXSON, MISS LEAH  
DAWSON, GRACE, five years.  
DAWSON, MRS. WILLIAM, Bar-  
rington, Ia.  
DRYCHAE, MRS JOHN, St Louis.  
ERNEST, ROSENE  
ENGLES, WILLIAM  
FORT, MISS PHOEBE  
GRAFF, B., Bloomington, Ill.  
GOSS, MRS. JOSEPH J.  
GUHART, MRS. ADELAIDE  
HICKMAN, CHARLES  
HARGER, BERTHA  
HART, MRS. NELLIE E., Atkin-  
son, Ill.  
HIRSCH, MARY  
HITCHCOCK, MISS JEANETTE  
MANN, MISS EMMA D.  
MURPHY, DEWITT J.  
MOORE, BENJAMIN, famliy of five  
MOORE, MISS SYBL, Hart, Mich.  
MINGER, MISS ANNA  
MILLS, PEARL M.  
MCCLURE, LAWRENCE  
MENDEL, MRS. AUGUSTA  
NEBBY, MRS. LUTHER G.  
NORTON, MATTIE  
OAKLEY, LUCILLE  
PILTON, LILLIAN, Des Moines,  
Iowa.

PERSINGER, HEWITT  
PAGE, BERTHA  
POLTE, LINDEN, Lake Side, Ill.  
PEASE, ELIZABETH, six years.  
REID, LILLIAN  
REID, MRS. LOUISE  
STALLMAN, CLARA  
SQUIRE, OSCAR, seven years.  
SILL, LUVILLE  
SCHOBEBKE, ELVIN  
SAWYER, MRS. J.  
SULLIVAN, ELLA, Knoxville, Ill.  
SPRECHT, EVA  
SPRECHT, MRS. A. M.  
STRONG, MRS. JAMES H.  
TERRY, CHARIE  
WILCOX, LOUISA  
WILSON, MISS ALICE  
WAGNER, MARY ANN  
WILSON, HOWARD J.  
WASHINGTON, JOHN  
WEIMERS, IDA  
WEBBER, MRS. CARRIE  
ZIMMERMAN, MRS. MARY E.  
BOGGS, MRS. M.  
BYRNE, CONSILIA  
BARTLETT, MRS WILLIAMS  
BERGH, ARTHUR  
CORBIN, VERNON W., 10 years.  
DUNLEVY J.  
ESTER, ROSE  
ELKAN, ROSA  
FRANKMAN, LINDA Winnetka, Ill.  
HICKMAN, LIDA  
HIPBACH, — six-year-old boy  
MULHOLLAND, JOSEPHINE  
MYERS, ELSIE  
MCKEE, J. W.  
NORTON, MATTIE, Ontonagon,  
Mich.

RIMES, MRS. L. M.  
LEHMAN, — aged 10  
ROBERTS, THEODORE  
SEGMENT, MRS. A. N.  
SHABADA, MYRTLE  
SHERRIDAN, ANDREW  
WESLOPH, IRMA  
WENTON, MISS ALICE  
BANNER, E. Burlington, Iowa  
MUELLER, MRS EMILIA Milwaukee.

**THE FATALLY INJURED**  
Chicago, Dec. 30.—The list of injur-  
ed persons is as follows:  
Clinger, Effie, 14 years old.  
Dee, Louis E.  
DeBaugh, Mrs.  
Evans, R. A.  
Hennessey, Earl  
Jones, A. C.  
Lehman, Mrs. Francis  
Morgan, Marcella Detroit.  
Mueller, Mrs. Lena  
Nelms, Mrs.  
Patten, William  
Simpson, Jessie

Staniger, Nellie, Tipton, Ia.  
Turschinsky, Alma  
Vaningen H. C. and wife  
Among the 'out of town' who were  
injured are:  
Arthur, Marjorie and Annie, Joliet.  
Beahm, Susie Westville, Ill.  
Kranz, Mrs. W. H. Racine, Wis.  
Miller, Mrs. Henry Orono, Mich.  
Mrs. J. C. Marbyne, L. M. Mellin,

## DR. WILL M'BRIDE

**Tells of His Personal Observations  
As a Surgeon Working Among  
the Victims.**

Dr. Will McBride was one of the  
surgeons who went to the assistance  
of the injured people. He tells of  
most frightful conditions. Dr. Mc-  
Bride was in Decatur with his wife  
visiting for several weeks. He went  
to Chicago Monday to look after his  
business and returned to Decatur last  
night to continue his visit. In speak-  
ing of the disaster Dr. McBride said:  
"It is simply impossible for me to  
tell how horrible the whole thing was.  
I cannot express it in words. The  
catastrophe was the worst I ever saw  
or read about."

**First Wild Rush.**  
"I was at the fire early. I saw the  
people rushing out of the theater. They  
ran wild, hats and coats gone and  
clothing torn. When they reached the  
streets, looking for their friends  
whom they had been separated from.  
Then the fire engines came and finally  
the people stopped coming out of  
the place. Some one said they had  
all gotten out."

"I supposed that the people were safe  
and went back to my office not far  
from the theater. A little later I  
went back to the theater and there  
found what an awful thing had hap-  
pened. The policemen were bringing  
the bodies out of the theater. They  
were piled up along the sidewalk, not  
in a single row, but three and four  
deep."

**Living Among Dead.**  
"An officer who knows me recog-  
nized me as a doctor and called upon  
me to examine the bodies on the side-  
walk and ascertain if they were all  
surely dead. The first three bodies  
I took hold of showed signs of life.  
I ordered the policemen to take them  
into Thompson's restaurant. They had  
all been piled up for dead."

**Lived to Mourn Husband.**  
"Next I came to a handsomely  
dressed woman. I saw she was alive  
and I carried her into the restaurant.  
I thought there was a chance of sav-  
ing her life and worked with her until  
she became conscious and then took  
her to the hospital. She had been at  
the theater with her husband and he  
was killed."

**Thompson's Restaurant.**  
"That restaurant was an awful  
place. Fully 100 bodies I should think  
had been taken there. The long coun-  
ters and tables made good places for  
operating. I expect that 150 doctors  
had gathered about the theater and  
were doing everything in their power  
to help the injured."

"Surgical supplies came in large  
quantities. I do not know where they  
came from but some of the drug stores  
sent everything that might be needed  
and Marshall Field's store sent blankets  
in which the bodies were wrapped."

"I was in the theater at 9 o'clock at  
night. The sight was one which I  
will not attempt to tell about. Where  
the rush to get out was made legs,  
arms and bodies were piled up in a  
mass of human misery."

**Dead in Their Seats.**  
"I looked up into the balcony and  
was horrified to see the bodies of per-  
sons in the seats who had been killed  
before they ever had a chance to arise.  
The audience was made up mostly of  
women and children and that made it  
all the more terrible."

## ALL INTEREST TURNS TO MRS. L. F. LEAVENWORTH

### A Midnight Message to the Herald Gives No Reason For Hoping That She Lives.

"Mrs. Frank Leavenworth is still  
among the missing or unidentified  
victims of the Chicago disaster. This  
is shown by the following telegram  
received by the Herald at midnight."

Chicago, 11 30 p. m., Dec. 31.

"Up to this hour Mrs. Leavenworth  
is still among the missing or unde-  
ntified."

**"GEORGE W. MUELLER."**  
There is no doubt but that Mrs.  
Leavenworth is dead, but her body has  
not yet been found. All night friends  
inquired at the Herald office but this  
was all the news that could be given.  
But it is probably safe.  
It is thought that Bert Leavenworth  
the son of the unfortunate Decatur  
woman, is safe. It was rumored on  
the streets Thursday that Bert Leav-  
enworth was accompanying his moth-  
er and was also killed. It is not  
thought that there is any truth to that  
rumor. Bert Leavenworth travels for  
Franklin, McFadden and Company and  
was in Chicago on the day of the dis-  
aster. One of the telegrams re-

## Identification Impossible.

"The Northwestern Medical school  
was turned into a hospital and Thomp-  
son's restaurant was used in the  
same way. Bodies and injured per-  
sons, however, were taken everywhere.  
It made no difference so that they  
could be brought out of the building.  
There are bodies which never in the  
world can be identified. Many are  
chained or mangled beyond any hope  
of recognition and clothing was torn  
away from the dead limbs."

"Everyone was frightened and rat-  
tled and the commotion was some-  
thing awful."

"This morning I passed Ralston's  
morgue and there a line of people half  
a mile long and two abreast were wait-  
ing to get inside to try and identify  
their friends and relatives."

"I went into the theater today. The  
garments and articles which had been  
dropped had been gathered up and  
there were several barrels of pocket  
books, a barrel of opera glasses and an  
enormous pile of furs, coats, hats and  
shoes."

**Still Taking Out Bodies.**  
"At noon the police were still re-  
moving bodies. Some had fled to the  
cellar in the hopes of getting out that  
way, but water was poured into the  
cellar and some were drowned."

"No one can really tell just how  
many were killed and many names will  
always remain in the list of the miss-  
ing."

## ANOTHER STORY OF LOCKED DOORS

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Lying on a cot in  
the Michael Reese hospital, badly  
burned about the upper portion of his  
body James H. Strong told tonight of  
his experience in attempting to force  
open one of the exits of the first bal-  
cony. Strong went to the theater in  
company with his wife, his mother and  
niece, Miss Tina Strong. When the  
panic commenced Mr. Strong led the  
ladies toward the exit in the center of  
the balcony toward which he saw but  
few people hastening. Arriving at the  
door he found it locked. He jumped  
up and broke the glass in the transom,  
thinking possibly he could open the  
door from the outside. He dropped to  
the floor outside out to his horror  
found the door locked with padlock and  
dasp. A carpenter came along  
with tools but the fastening was too  
much for their united efforts. He  
climbed up to the transom again think-  
ing perhaps he could get them out that  
way. "They were standing just be-  
neath me," he said, "but just at that  
second the flames swept through the  
balcony and I don't believe those in  
there escaped." Strong inhaled the  
flame, lost his grip and fell back into  
the hallway outside. The carpenter  
dragged him away.

"I think a great many people could  
have been saved if that door had not  
been locked," said Strong. His wife is  
among the identified dead, and his  
mother and niece missing. He is in a  
critical condition and may die."

Mrs. F. M. White and her mother,  
Mrs. M. C. Yawkey of Marquette,  
Mich., had seats in the balcony and  
had almost a miraculous escape from  
death. Mrs. White says she saw sparks  
from a light fall upon and set fire to  
the stage drapery, that the stage hands  
endeavored to extinguish the blaze but  
it spread until the top and sides of the  
stage were in flames. Then all the lower  
part of the theater seemed to be  
ablaze. She and her mother made their  
way to a fire escape platform. They  
were then in the midst of a jam of  
panic stricken people. Half way down  
the fire escape a shutter swung open  
blocking the way. Mrs. White got to  
the shutter and pushed it back but it  
swung across the way. She was again  
and when her mother tried to force  
her way by her skirt caught and held  
her firmly. The crowd behind  
made it impossible for her to retreat  
and release her mother. A man caught  
her round the waist, tore her loose  
from the shutter and forced it out of  
the way. A fireman then carried her  
to the ground. Mrs. White got down  
unassisted."

## AT MIDNIGHT

**471 Dead Identified and Only 80 Bodies  
Await Claimants.**  
Chicago, Dec. 31.—At midnight 471  
dead have been identified, of the in-  
jured 171 persons had received atten-  
tion and 236 were still reported miss-  
ing. As only about eighty bodies are  
reported missing many of those re-  
ported missing have doubtless recov-  
ered from their fright and returned to  
their homes."

## CLASSIFIED LIST OF THE

### Number Grows With Each Hour---Ad- Are Constantly Made---Early Esti- mates Show No Decrease In the Horror.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—The following is  
a list of the dead thus far identified,  
all from Chicago unless otherwise  
noted.

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## NEARBY TOWNS

**Marion.**  
 Mr. F. H. Barr was in Marion visiting his parents, Captain and Mrs. T. H. Barr on Christmas.  
 A dinner party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Costello at their home in Marion on Christmas day.  
 Mr. Ennis of Springfield, Mo., brother of Dr. Royal W. Ennis, is visiting here at present.  
 Miss Jessie Owens who has been visiting near Marion City, Ill., for several weeks, returned to her home in Marion last Thursday.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kepler of Decatur were in Marion calling on friends last Monday.  
 Dr. E. A. Morgan of Decatur was in Marion on professional business last Monday.  
 Superintendent George S. Morris is spending the State Teachers' association at Springfield this week.  
 Charles J. Seaborg spent Christmas week with his family.  
 Weldon W. Cooper of Weldon was in Marion on Monday transacting business.  
 A watch meeting will be held at the Methodist church next Thursday evening.  
**Acquia.**  
 Christopher C. Crandall has been on the sick list for several days.  
 House Malone has moved into the country on a farm.  
 James E. Hinkle is duty installed in the hardware business which he lately purchased of R. B. Shaw.  
 Burnett L. Bowden of the Illinois central freight office in Decatur, spent Christmas with his parents in this city.  
**St. Louis.**  
 Dr. App had the misfortune to have the furniture in his dental office considerably damaged by the fire of last Saturday morning.  
 Bill Moody and family spent Christmas day with relatives in Marion.  
 The smallpox seems to have about abated. The families of Will Porter, Charles Guthrie, J. C. Vaughn, Jeff Buggett and Stephen McBride have been released from quarantine. The families of J. C. Vaughn, Jr., Mrs. Andis and Mrs. W. S. Sizler are still under quarantine regulations.  
**Royal.**  
 Royal Lodge No. 109, Knights of Pythias, will hold their annual banquet on the evening of the 30th inst. Ed Hulse of Royal came on Monday to visit his Marion friends.  
 Mrs. S. H. Covault and family left on Tuesday for their future home in Wisconsin.  
 A team belonging to Emanuel Hendrix, on Saturday evening last, ran away, demolishing the buggy and a part of T. N. Leavitt's iron fence and injuring the horses considerably.  
 Alvin Hinkle who has been in Iowa for several months is visiting here at present. He expects to leave in a few days to join his family.  
 Frank Kahler has purchased a five hundred dollar bankrupt stock of clothing and gent's furnishings goods at Marion.  
 The Christmas exercises at all the families were interesting and were well attended.  
 Zeph Smith and wife of Springfield are spending the holidays with relatives in Marion.  
 A movement is on foot to organize a stock company for the purpose of building a new brick hotel on the site of the old Schenck house.  
 J. B. Morris has shipped eight car loads of fat cattle to the Chicago market and two car loads of fat hogs to Bloomington.  
 It is expected that school will be resumed in all the grades of the public schools on Monday next.  
 John Craig who is engaged with the bridge carpenters on the Illinois Central was in Marion for Christmas.  
 Hedger Busch, who has been in business at the meat market formerly operated by Lutz & Son.  
 J. H. Stafford returned from a trip to Franklin county, this state, last Monday morning.  
 Miss Clara Moyer of Decatur came up to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Moyer. She returned on Sunday afternoon.  
 Mr. Miller of Clinton was in Marion on Christmas day.  
 Dr. Hoover and family of Lovington visited the family of Mrs. J. P. Bean on Christmas day.  
 Harvey Campbell and wife of Clinton visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Huff over Christmas.  
 Miss Lillian Swan who teaches in the Clinton public school is spending the Christmas vacation at home in Marion.  
 Bert Morgan, who is working in the offices of the T. H. & I. railroad, left St. Louis, spent Christmas with relatives in Marion.  
 Marion Kerwood, formerly town clerk of Marion township, has been appointed manager of the Farmers' Elevator company at Lowell.  
 The city council met in regular session last Monday evening. Only routine business was transacted.  
 Harry W. Shields expects to move to Marion soon and occupy the property he recently purchased of the heirs of the late J. P. Bean.  
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Hadley left on Tuesday for an extended visit to their son in Iowa.  
 E. Kempshall, who is working in the harness business at Dalton City, spent Christmas with his family in Marion.  
 W. W. Nesbitt and wife expect to leave on Jan. 5 for a visit with relatives in Louisiana and Texas.  
 Tom T. N. Leavitt is still confined with the flu. He seems to be improving slowly.  
 It is now understood that a first class goods store will be conducted in Marion, lately occupied by the Marion Goods company.  
**Dec. 25.**  
**Prairie Home.**  
 Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Beck are visiting friends at Sterling, Ill.  
 There will be a pound social at the parsonage Tuesday evening. All are cordially invited.  
 Claude Baird is spending the holidays with his father, I. T. Baird.  
 Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Coulter will entertain the young people Wednesday evening at their pleasant home. Music will be the feature of the evening.  
 James Thompson is spending the holidays with his son, Attorney J. L. Thompson of St. Joseph, Mo.  
 Grover Patton will attend school at Charleston the beginning of the year.  
 Clem Scribner is shelling corn today and delivering it in Mowocqua.  
 Clarence Cox moved Monday to the John Hewitt farm.  
 Mrs. Charles Tanner and her sons are spending Christmas in Sullivan with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McElwain.  
 C. T. Tymn is having a week of vacation.  
**Dec. 25.**  
**Stonington.**  
 Miss Effie Bauer of Champaign is in guest of her father, other relatives and friends in Stonington this week.  
 Miss Muriel and Bernice Duckwall will entertain the members of the Stonington League at their home on New Years eve.  
 Carl Sanford and wife and T. A. Sanford of the Clifton Remedy Co. are visiting home folks this week.  
 A. E. Robinson and wife of Normal are the guests of relatives here during the holidays.  
 Misses Francis and Flora Housley of Louisville are spending a few days with the folks.

**Rev. Ruffener** arrived from Ohio a few days ago and began his duties as pastor of the Reform church.  
 Mrs. A. O. Morrell is visiting her mother at Litchfield.  
 Earl Midkiff entertained the members of the Finch club at his home on Christmas night.  
 Mr. Hackley of Coulterville is the guest of his uncle, A. Pevyhouse and family.  
 There will be a watch meeting at the M. E. church on New Year's eve.  
 Mrs. A. E. Slaughter returned this morning from Danville where she visited her husband who is under medical treatment at the Soldiers' home.  
 Mrs. Emma Hardin is visiting relatives in Springfield.  
**Dec. 28.**  
**Todds Point.**  
 The first gust of the blizzard on Christmas day removed the coping from one of the chimneys of the store and the wheel from Ira Robertson's windmill.  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Gordon spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Mittall.  
 Mrs. John Hillard is visiting in Indiana.  
 John Hobbliethwaite who has been out west for several months, arrived in Findlay on Christmas eve and is now with his sister, Mrs. Agnes Atkinson.  
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Silver went to Sullivan Thursday evening to visit their parents with home folks. They returned on Saturday evening.  
 It is worthy of note that the local M. W. A. lodge was resurrected Tuesday night for the first time since the ensuing year and other business transacted.  
 The commissioners had two meetings last week. One in connection with the open ditch on the farm and the other to receive the bridge over the Okaw. On account of the non-appearance of the supervisors of other townships appointed by the county board, the latter transaction was postponed to the 23rd inst.  
 To celebrate the completion of the main structure of the new river bridge Sam Johnson entertained the builders and other friends with an oyster supper on Tuesday night.  
 Echoes of Christmas day—Mrs. McKinney entertained Aaron Henson and family and Ed Jones and wife. Frank Mittall and family spent the day with James Johnson. Arthur Burkett and family spent the day with Mrs. Park in Findlay. Mr. and Mrs. R. Noble and Miss Dorothy Ryan of Bethany and Mrs. Nicholson of Findlay. Jack Park and Mrs. E. Jackson spent the day with their families at Mrs. Chas. Robertson's. J. W. Atkinson and wife divided the day with Mr. Robertson and Mrs. Fleming.  
**Dec. 29.**  
**Harristown.**  
 The Christmas Sunday school gave their cantata, "Santa Claus Defenders," on Christmas eve and the M. E. Sunday school gave their entertainment on Christmas evening. After each there were Christmas exchanges and candy given to the scholars.  
 Mrs. L. T. Paulders and children of Arcola spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Floyd.  
 Mrs. Hamilton and wife of Bethany are visiting relatives here at present.  
 Miss Fuller, from Kansas, spent Christmas with her uncle, James Eymann.  
 Marshall and Helen Stookoy of Champaign University are spending their holidays with their parents.  
 Torney Parish of Eureka college is at home for a few days.  
 Burglars broke into the Town and Sroger's store on last Tuesday night and stole a number of pocket knives and razor blades.  
 The family spent Christmas with J. V. Birks of Decatur.  
 M. D. Camp and wife went to Farmer City on Friday to visit with relatives.  
 J. P. Holmes was in Chicago last week with a load of fat cattle.  
 Mrs. George Weaver is very sick at her home one half mile north of town.  
 John Cross and family of Niantic spent Christmas with Mr. Cross' parents.  
 Miss Blanch Hamilton was called by telegram to Madison, Wis., on last Friday on account of the serious illness of her brother-in-law, Prof. Goodnight.  
 The ladies of the Christian church will hold their annual festival at the town hall on Wednesday night, Dec. 30. Supper, oysters, ice cream and cake will be served.  
 Several parties began to harvest ice on the Willard lake today.  
**Dec. 28.**  
**Lake City.**  
 After the first of January Mrs. Mandy Hirsch will be cashier at T. T. Springer's cafe.  
 M. M. Bohard of Forsyth is visiting his parents during the holidays.  
 The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will give a supper next Friday night in the I. O. O. F. for the benefit of their members. Wives and husbands only are invited.  
 William Long of McLean came Saturday to visit friends and relatives.  
 A telegram was received here Sunday evening announcing the death of Mrs. Dale Stapleton of Arizona.  
 James Hutchings was a Lovington caller Monday.  
 T. Lee and Chas. Rodrick was at Decatur Monday.  
 Miss Nellie Fulk of Sullivan is visiting relatives.  
 Omer Brothard and wife of Decatur visited Sunday.  
**FROZE TO DEATH IN THE SNOW.**  
 Frank Mansfield of Nokomis is Found Dead in Cornfield by Hunters.  
 Frank Mansfield, aged 45 years, of Nokomis, was found dead in a cornfield Saturday afternoon by two hunters. The body was frozen stiff. It is evident that he expired many hours before.  
 Christmas day Frank Mansfield, a farm hand working for John Halsey west of the city went to Nokomis and spent the greater part of the day coming up in the middle of the afternoon. Mansfield, it is said, began drinking heavily to warm himself after the cold and icy journey home. Sometime after supper he started to walk through the storm.  
 Mr. Halsey upon learning that Mansfield had been drinking at Nokomis, started home without making his appearance, feared that something had happened and instituted a search.  
 All Saturday morning a posse was scouring the neighborhood for the man who was supposed to have met foul play. About three o'clock in the afternoon by accident two strange hunters found him frozen to death—Litchfield Herald.  
**A Frightened Horse.**  
 Running like mad down the street dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behooves everybody to have a reliable salve handy, and there's none as good as Bucklen's Arnica Salve. Burns, cuts, sores, sprains, and all the ills, disappear under its soothing effect. 25c at John E. King's, Chas. F. Shilling's and N. L. Krone's drug stores.  
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## A FLASH AROUND THE WORLD

**A New Year's Greeting Will Make the Trip in Ten Seconds.**  
**U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL SEND IT**  
 A salvation to all the world, a greeting that will be unique in the world history, will be sent at the beginning of the new year by Uncle Sam. At midnight, Dec. 31 from the Capitol Hill, in Washington, Admiral Chester, superintendent of the national observatory, will have sounded completely around the earth by the great spinning top and to the continental and insular nations to the north and south, by vast networks of wire ramifying in all directions from this great globe, a signal announcing the birth of the year 1934 at the capital of our republic.  
 To thus ring out the old and ring in the new year completely around the world is a feat which has been achieved to impossible inasmuch as the Pacific was not bridged by cable a twelve-month ago. Stupendous though this act of international comity will be, it will cost us not a cent, a signal being sent by the great globe and back exciting the world an appreciation of our good will.  
 In less than ten seconds this New Year salute will completely encircle the globe and be delivered to the hand of mankind. This at least is the calculation of Lieutenant Everett Hayden, the naval officer in charge of the time service by the great globe, to Honolulu, Midway, Guam, to Manila to Hong Kong, to the coast of Java to Australia and New Zealand, hurrying over the snow drifts of Siberia and Russia, it will be felt and heard in the remotest corners of the earth, passing London and at the same time spanning the coast of the black continent of Africa, and the Nile, into the very heart of Africa. Leaping out into the sea it will register itself in the isles of Madagascar, and the Cape of Good Hope, and the Cape Verde Islands and will jump to Pernambuco, Brazil; thence down into the hills of central Argentina and up to the snow-capped peaks of the Andes, the Lesser Antilles, and the West Indies, and then home again to the capital of the nation.  
 It is pronounced inconceivable that such a circuit of the earth can be made in scarcely more time than you would expend in wishing a neighbor "a happy New Year."  
**DEPARTMENT CANDIDATE.**  
**Pantagraph Tells Something About Major Robert Woods.**  
 Some days ago it was mentioned in the Pantagraph that Maj. Robert Woods, of Joliet, had formally announced himself as an aspirant for the position of department commander of the G. A. R. in Illinois. Members of Sherman post and the public generally interested in knowing something about his record in the army.  
 Comrade Woods was the adjutant and advisor of Comrade Benjamin F. Stephenson in originating and conducting the G. A. R. in Illinois. He wrote its declaration of principles, its constitution and by-laws, wrote the charter for Post No. 1, at Decatur, got the forms for reports and the posts, etc. He also furnished the money to pay for the printing of the same, the traveling expenses, etc., in organizing the order in the western states.  
 He served without any pay or compensation, devoting his time enthusiastically to making the Grand Army a success.  
 At the time when other departments claimed priority of organization, the seniority of the department of Illinois was established through the efforts of Comrade Woods after aggressive contests at Detroit, Philadelphia and Chicago. He holds the right of the line at all national encampments.  
 From the day of his birth to the present time Comrade Woods has been a constant, indefatigable and determined worker in the ranks of the order, ever ready and willing to do anything to assist his comrades in every way, and he has been ready and willing to do, but he has done all that any man could do.  
 Comrade Woods entered the state service in May, 1881, in the quartermaster's department. From thence he went into the United States service mustering in troops. From thence he was promoted into the office of Gov. Yates and from there left the field to the Sixty-fourth Illinois "Yates" Sharpshooters. He made an enviable and brilliant record, being twice brevetted for gallant and meritorious conduct in the field—Bloomington Pantagraph.  
**Revolution Imminent.**  
 A sure sign of approaching revolt and serious trouble in your system is nervousness, sleeplessness, or stomach upsets. Electric Bitters will quickly dismember the troublesome causes. It never fails to tone the stomach, regulate the liver and clarify the blood. Run down systems benefit particularly and all the usual attending aches and pains disappear. It is a sure and safe remedy for all ailments. Guaranteed by John E. King, Chas. F. Shilling and N. L. Krone, druggists.  
**ANOTHER WHISPER.**  
 Will Ammann One of the Possible Candidates for Commissioner.  
 There are heard now occasional whispers about a new commissioner, High Commissioner, or low commissioner, when the conditions are unfavorable for outdoor work are productive of candidates when the gang gather about the stove and view the field.  
 The Commissioner politics it is said that there is a strong possibility that Will Ammann will be a candidate for the place for highway commissioner on the republican ticket.  
 The time of Henry Ammann's expiration next spring and as his business now requires his presence in Oklahoma a greater portion of the time he will not be a candidate for re-election.  
**NEW YEAR'S DAY FESTIVITIES**  
 Clubs Will Give Dances and Other Entertainment.  
 New Year's festivities will be plentiful in a social way in Decatur. The first day of January will be ushered in by a ball and danced out by another and there will be social affairs going on in the afternoon.  
 There will be a celebration at the Country club in the afternoon and supper will be served at 8:30 o'clock. At night there will be dancing in the dance hall and cards in the reception room and the bowling alley will be open to those who want to bowl. Roberts' orchestra has been engaged to furnish the music for the evening. The club must notify the club house or Mrs. Sedgwick by Thursday evening.  
**At Century Club.**  
 The members of the Century lodge will give a big dance on New Year's eve. Wives and lady friends will be invited and the old years will be danced out.  
**Amity Dances.**  
 The members of the Amity club will give a dance at the guards' armory New Year's night. It will be a special occasion and will be more elaborate than the regular club dances.  
 A smoker will be given all the afternoon and evening at the Decatur club.  
**TOUCHED THE CASH DRAWER**  
 Porter at the Burroughs Saloon Disappears with Fifty Dollars in Cash.  
**SUSPECTED OF OTHER THEFTS**  
 O. C. Burroughs is short one tall, slim porter and cash to the amount of almost fifty dollars. There is a suspicion that the porter and the cashier, the Burroughs, have been in the same time and no one accuses the money of running away with the man.  
 The disappearance occurred Saturday night. Claude Spangler, the porter and now that he has gone Burroughs says that the disappearance of the lump sum convinces him that Spangler is not the man who was strangely missing in the same at the time while Spangler was employed there. He says that his total losses will aggregate perhaps \$75.  
**KILLED IN A POKER GAME**  
**A Pana Ball Player Was Murdered Saturday Night.**  
 Frank Langdon, a Herrick, better known as "Nig," is now lying dead in the cemetery at Herrick, as the result of a quarrel over a card game at Herrick on Christmas night.  
 Frank Langdon, a Pana ball player, was engaged in a game of cards in Stafford's card room when a dispute arose between Langdon and another player. The quarrel became each more angry. Frayley pulled the bullet entering at the temple, ranging through the brain and coming out at the top of the head. The shot killed Langdon instantly, but Frayley could be stopped. Frayley surrendered immediately afterwards and is now in jail at Shelbyville. The coroner's jury held Frayley for murder. Langdon was buried Sunday.  
 "Nig," as he was well known here, was always welcome among the baseball fans who were great admirers of his baseball skill. Frayley had many friends here this summer both for and against Pana, and the news of his death will not be welcome among his many Pana friends—Pana Palladium.  
**GRADERS USE DYNAMITE**  
**Building Interurban Grade Under Difficulties.**  
 The contractors building the interurban grade west of the city have been working under difficulties occasioned by the cold weather. The ground is now so deeply frozen that it can scarcely be plowed. In fact the plow refused to enter the earth under present conditions but the contractors are overcoming this difficulty by the use of dynamite. That accounts for the explosions heard west of the city yesterday afternoon.  
**Big Broom Handle Order.**  
 W. H. Hancock of Tuscola has returned from a trip to the very north end of Michigan near the island of Mackinac where he went to look after securing the output of the big factory at Mesick, which turns out 4,000,000 broom handles a year. While there, Hancock contracted for sixty car loads of handles, to be delivered to him within the next twelve months.  
**Fight Will Be Bitter.**  
 Those who will persist in closing their ears against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will find a bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Beall of Beall, Miss., has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her. Guaranteed by John E. King, Chas. F. Shilling and N. L. Krone, druggists. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles 10c."  
**Marriage Licenses.**  
 Frank H. Morris, Morris, Ia. .... 22  
 Nancy C. Parker, Morris, Ia. .... 18  
 Clinton, Ia. .... 27  
 Louise Patterson, Pana. .... 21  
 Henry J. Pannwitz, Nashville. .... Legal  
 Lettie M. Kallenbach, Boody. .... Legal  
 T. L. Weekly, Decatur. .... Legal  
 Mrs. Cordelia Cronwell, Decatur. .... Legal  
 Edward G. Norton, Lockport. .... 30  
 Mary T. Harwood, Decatur. .... 27  
**Bill of Sale.**  
 Forrest W. Andrews, in a bill of sale filed Tuesday transfers to Ida L. Andrews his stock of goods and fixtures and furniture in the restaurant at 107 East Main street. The bill of sale includes all the furnishings of the sleeping room over the restaurant. The consideration named is \$3000.  
**CHILDREN ELOPE.**  
 Little Ones at Pana Want To Wed and Leave Their Homes.  
 Thomas Lester, aged sixteen, and Miss Anna Morgan aged seventeen, both of Pana, left their homes in that city Friday night, and it was thought that they came leaving a letter was left, which was delivered to the father of the girl Saturday morning, informing him of their intention to wed.  
 Both the young people are highly respected and there were no objections to the marriage by either of their parents.  
 No license has been granted to them at this place and it is evident that they are on the part of the elopers to avoid being followed—Shelbyville Union.  
 Nothing is calculated to jar an eligible girl like a young man who talks about his money, but says nothing about matrimony.

## BECOMES A BRIDE

**Miss Mae Harwood Married to Edward G. Norton of Lockport, Ill., Last Evening.**  
**WEDDING WAS HOME AFFAIR.**  
**Groom Is Mining Expert and Takes Bride to New Mexico for Present.**  
 Edward Gooding Norton of Lockport, Ill., and Miss Mary Theresa Harwood were quietly married Tuesday night at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah K. Harwood, at the corner of East Eldorado and North Morgan streets.  
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**Grand Army Notes.**  
 The regular meetings of the Woman's Relief Corps and Dunham Post were held Tuesday afternoon and evening respectively.  
 After the business had been concluded the ball was turned over to the Woman's Relief Corps who proceeded to entertain the post, the Sons of Veterans and Ladies Aid. The evening was made pleasant by the ladies who served sandwiches, coffee, ice cream, fruit and cake.  
 Arrangements have been made for a joint public installation of the officers elect of Dunham Post and Dunham Relief Corps Tuesday evening, January 12, 1934.  
 Members of the post and corps will visit the Sons of Veterans next Tuesday evening.  
 When a young man is really known by the company he keeps he usually prefers to be a sister to him.

## GIRLS MAY SOON PROPOSE

**Leap Year Gives the Fair Sex a Unique Privilege—Origin of Custom.**  
 "Mr. Smith, may I have the honor of asking you to lead me to the altar in 1934?"  
 "The honor is mine."  
 "Mr. Jones, let me cast my heart at your feet and lay my hand in yours."  
 "On the contrary Miss Brown, it is my heart which shall be cast at your feet and my hand which shall be laid in yours."  
 Thus will the leap year girl propose. And thus does she dream ahead of the year to come, thinking of the day when she may offer her heart and hand to the man of her choice and feel that it is no shame to do so. She will trust loving maids for a favorable answer, and so she will become a leap year maid.  
 There is an old verse which runs:  
 Come, ye lassies, gather round,  
 Mix a bowl of cheer;  
 Fill the cup and lift it up,  
 Toast the maid's Leap Year!  
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 Once upon a time, long years ago, when leap year first came in, there was a society of people which called itself by a name which would mean the leap year society. They were merry-makers and they amused the court. Now, these merry-makers decided that leap year, because it had one more day than any other year, should be made remarkable in some way.  
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**MAN WITH A MASK.**  
 Entered Home of Mrs. Dietrich a Masked Robber Took a Gold Watch and \$25.  
 Monday evening about 8 o'clock a masked robber entered the home of Joseph Dietrich in the southeast part of town and took a gold watch and \$25. Mrs. Dietrich was alone in the house and when the robber entered he knocked her down and for a moment she was insensible. When she recovered she ran to the home of Will Curtis and called the alarm. By the time the first patrolman arrived the robber was gone. Mrs. Dietrich said that the mask was of medium size and was dressed in dark clothes. He wore a black handkerchief over his face.  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT.**—State of Illinois, Macon county, ss Estate of James F. Allen, deceased.  
To Helen E. Allen and James G. Allen, heirs of said estate.  
You are hereby notified that on the 6th day of January, A. D., 1904, the administratrix of said estate, will present to the county court of Macon county, at Decatur, Illinois, her final report of her act and doing as such administratrix, and ask the court to be discharged from any and all further duties and responsibilities and her administration thereof, at which time and place you may be present and request such application, if you choose so to do.  
Dated this 10th day of December, A. D., 1903.

**ANNIE B. ALLEN,**  
Administratrix—Tues 22nd St., W.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS.**—County of Macon, ss. In the county court, to the January term, A. D., 1904, in the matter of the estate of Jonathan W. Butcher, deceased.  
To Joseph Butman and the unknown heirs of Joseph Butman, deceased; and Charles E. Butman and the unknown heirs of Charles E. Butman, deceased.  
Take notice that Jonathan W. Butcher, a clerk in the Illinois state court, died on or about October 18th, A. D., 1903, testate. That by his last will and testament he named Henry W. Waggoner as the executor, thereof. That said Henry W. Waggoner, as such executor, heretofore, died and is now in said court, asking that said will be admitted to probate. That in and by said petition the following named persons are named as the heirs and legatees of the estate of Jonathan W. Butcher, deceased, viz: Florence Butman, Thomas H. Butman, Albert A. Butman, Estella Vahl, Millicent L. Miller, Amey Warner, Henry W. Waggoner, William Jameson, Joseph Butman, Charles E. Butman, unknown heirs of Charles E. Butman, Robert Gerould, Mary S. Hunt, Susan E. Sheldon, Charles Thompson and Adda Knut. That by said petition it is stated that the postoffice address of Joseph Butman, the unknown heirs of Joseph Butman, deceased, Charles E. Butman, and the heirs of Charles E. Butman, deceased is unknown.

Now there, you, the said Joseph Butman, the unknown heirs of Joseph Butman, deceased, and Charles E. Butman, the unknown heirs of Charles E. Butman, deceased, will take notice that on Monday, the 11th day of January, A. D., 1904, at the county court of Decatur, Macon county, Illinois, at the court room in the court house at Decatur, last will and testament of Jonathan W. Butman, deceased, will be offered for probate, at which time and place you or either of you may appear if you fit so to do.

**J. M. DODD,** County Clerk  
Fridays 3 weeks.  
Minneapolis, Dec. 29—Robert C. W. Cooper, aged 104, died today after a long illness.

**TIED WAITING**  
Judge Johns Dismisses a Number of Cases for Want of Prosecution.  
**LAWYERS WERE NOT THERE.**  
Adjournment for Term Likely on Monday—New Litigation.

Circuit court will very likely adjourn next Monday. There is nothing positive about it yet, but Tuesday it looks very much like all the business for this term would be finished by that time.

**Will be Surprised.**  
Several lawyers will be surprised this morning to learn that cases which they were interested have been dismissed for want of prosecution. There was a call of the chancery docket Tuesday and in a number of cases the attorneys were not present and Judge Johns dismissed the cases without further parley.

The court however, had given warning a week ago that the chancery docket would be called and said that some attorneys must be taken in the cases when they are called or they would be dismissed.

**New Suits.**  
Several new suits were filed Tuesday. Among them was one in which the advance company is plaintiff against D. U. and Robert W. Fletcher defendants. It is a suit for \$500 growing out of the purchase of a threshing machine.

Dorville E. Brooks has started a suit against E. J. Strader and others. It is a bill to review a decree. The suit is brought to correct a wrong description of property in a previous legal proceeding.

**Want to Break Will.**  
Minnie Long and others have started a suit in which Carrie Menard and others are made defendants. It is a bill to set aside the will of the late Jesse Menard. The will is so constructed that most of the heirs do not come into possession of the property during their life time. The complainants ask that the estate be divided according to the laws of Illinois.

**New Trials.**  
There are several cases in which motions for new trials are pending. These motions will be disposed of next Saturday. The cases in which new trials have been asked for are as follows:

Ryan vs. Duggan.  
Hornback vs. Morthland.  
Black vs. Bradley.  
Miller vs. Bennett.  
Rork vs. Ehrhart.  
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Topping vs. Barbey.

The entries on the court dockets Tuesday were as follows:  
**Law Docket.**  
Mueller, Plaintiff and Wheeland Company vs. Felix Levy et al., trespass on the case on promises; settled and dismissed at cost of plaintiff.  
John H. Fawcett vs. J. G. Willard, case dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff.

Christian Bjornstad vs. Maryland Casualty Company, assumption; leave to file amended declaration.  
**Chancery.**  
G. A. Ahrens vs. Frank O. Damrow, injunction; suit dismissed by complainant at his costs.  
Ellen D. Murphy vs. John Murphy et al., chancery; strike out.

John H. Culver vs. James E. Osborn, chancery; rule to show evidence extended to Jan. 15.  
Sophia Ahrens vs. Frank Waller et al., foreclosure; order of reference to master set aside and suit dismissed for want of prosecution without prejudice.

Arthur S. Dumont vs. H. J. Hoagland et al., bill for discovery and accounting; rule on master to report extended to January 15.  
Richard Hiteley vs. Commodore Perry et al., foreclosure; strike out.

Hannah Golt vs. A. T. Summers et al., injunction; suit dismissed by complainant.  
Erlich H. Roark vs. Minnie M. Roark, divorce; dismissed for want of prosecution.

Mary E. Frazer vs. James W. Frazer, divorce and injunction; dismissed by complainant at his costs.  
Edith M. Cain vs. John Cain, divorce; dismissed.

N. Bommerbach vs. B. O. McReynolds et al., trustee, chancery; dismissed at cost of complainant.  
Florence D. George W. Dycus, divorce; dismissed for want of prosecution.

Gertrude Eryn vs. Harry M. Horn, dismissed for want of prosecution.  
Catherine E. Eryn vs. James Flinn et al., foreclosure; rule to answer amended bill by Dec. 31.

**STROKE WAS FATAL.**  
Mrs. M. H. Brown, Died of Paralysis Tuesday Evening.  
Mrs. M. H. Brown died Tuesday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock at her home 233 West. Cerro Gordo street, her death being caused by a stroke of paralysis which she suffered a couple of days ago. Mrs. Brown's maiden name was Anna Moran. She has lived almost 16 years and is well known and is prominent in St. Patrick's Catholic church. She leaves a husband, M. H. Brown, a clerk in the Illinois state court, one daughter, Miss Nina Brown. She also is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Nell McGowan, of Elroy, Wis., Mrs. Horace McConnell of Glenwood, Ill., and two brothers, P. D. Moran of Sioux Falls, Ia., and M. Moran of Tacoma, Wash.

**Mrs. Susan Weikle Weaver.**  
Mrs. Susan Weikle Weaver, wife of George Weaver, died Monday at her home, one half mile north of Hammond, aged 39 years and 3 months. She is survived by a husband, five children, six brothers, two sisters and her mother. Mrs. Amanda Weikle of Decatur. Blood poisoning was the cause of Mrs. Weaver's death.

**A Big Cow.**  
Frank Trapp, of Sedalia, west of here, has bought a cow of Luther Hostler, of Central, who weighs 2,019 pounds. The animal is only four years old and will be fed till the St. Louis exposition opens, when she will be bought by the company feeding Indiana King. The big steer, a companion for the monster—Danville Commercial News.

**FUNERALS.**  
**L. M. Gill.**  
The funeral of the late L. M. Gill was held at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning from the First Presbyterian church, Rev. W. F. Penhaleen conducted the services and the burial was at Greenwood cemetery.

The pall bearers were John Clugston, James Coop, William Wayne, Jr., Rev. Robbins, I. N. Cool and J. F. Roach.

**Deaths Recorded.**  
L. M. Dennis, the College Commission of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, quit claim to lot 2 in block 1 of S. I. Thompson's addition to Decatur; \$500.

Anna A. Whitmer et al. to W. W. Conrad, quit claim to the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section 24, township 16, range 2 east; \$1.

Forest W. Andrews to Jacob W. Johnson, lots 20 and 24 feet off the west part of lot 19, all in block 2 in Hammond's addition to Decatur; \$3,000.

T. T. Springer to William W. Conrad, a part of lot 8 of J. M. Bill's first addition to Decatur; also lot 13 in block 19 of Carver's addition to Decatur; \$1.

**THE WAR ON DRINK IN EUROPE.**  
Various Countries Will Legislate Against Liquor Traffic.  
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Chicago, Dec. 30—4 p. m.—The Iroquois theater, opened about a month ago, was largely destroyed by fire today.

Between 100 and 200 people lost their lives from suffocation or being crushed to death in the panic which followed the play of "Fire" by some one in the audience.

The flames were first discovered among some drapery on the stage, and Manager Davis says that they could have been put out, but the panic seized everybody and all rushed for the doors. All on the first floor escaped, and it was not known that there was serious loss of life until the firemen went up into the balcony.

## 736 Dead

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## 637 Bodies Recovered

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## The Morgue Record

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St. Anthony's.....	150
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The crowds around Rolston's and Jordan's are so large that it is impossible to make it the excited people in line to view the dead. Therefore the crowd was notified that no one would be admitted tonight to the morgues, and that they could identify their relatives or friends. Only one body was identified at the county morgue.

## GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF CRUSHING DISASTER

**Horror Details That Caused Rescuers to Weep and Cry Out in Anguish and Finally Quit Gruesome Work—Faces Trampled into Pulp, and Clothing Torn from Bodies Tell of the Desperate Fight for Life.**

Chicago, Dec. 30—About five hundred and sixty people were killed in this afternoon during a fire at the Iroquois theater, the new and as far as human power could make it the safest theater in Chicago. The estimate of dead and injured varies. The police count of the dead is 336. The estimate of the news is 536. Besides this there are many missing at midnight the number of whom probably are among the dead in the morgue and various other places. Eighty-five bodies have been positively identified. Others are known to be injured. Of these people were burned to death by fire, many suffocated by gas, and many were trampled to death in the mad rush for the exits.

Hours to Recover Bodies.

It will be many hours before the bodies of the dead can be recovered. It will be many days before all can be recovered. There are bodies lying in dozens tonight in undertakers' parlors. Police stations and hospitals are nearly everything that can be done to care for the dead. The bodies are being taken to the morgues and their faces are being covered.

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At Mr. Blue Beard.

The fire broke out during the second act of "Mr. Blue Beard" the first dramatic production produced in the theater since its erection. The company, which was very large escaped to the street in safety nearly all however, being compelled to flee into the snowy streets with no clothing but their stage costumes. A few members of the company sustained minor injuries but none were seriously hurt.

Confusion About Origin.

Accounts of the origin of the fire are conflicting and none of them certain, but the best reason given is that an electric wire near the lower part of a piece of drop scenery suddenly broke and was grounded.

The fire spread rapidly toward the front of the stage, causing members of the chorus then engaged in the performance to flee to the wings with screams of terror.

Curtain Failed to Work.

The fire itself up to this time was not serious and possibly could have been checked had not the asbestos curtain failed to work. As soon as the fire was discovered, Eddie Foy, chief comedian of the company, shouted to

lower the curtain, and this was immediately done. It descended about half way and stuck.

Made a Flue.

The fire was thus given practically a flue through which a strong draft was setting aided by the doors which had been thrown open in front of the theater.

With a roar and a bound the flames shot through the opening over the heads of the people on the first floor, and reaching clear up to those in the first balcony, caught them and burned them to death where they sat.

Explosion Came.

Immediately following this rush of flames there came an explosion which lifted the entire roof from the walls shattering the great skylight into fragments. As soon as the flames appeared beyond the curtain a man in the rear of the hall shouted "Fire, fire," and the entire audience rose as one person and made for the doors.

It is believed the explosion was caused by flames coming in contact with the gas reservoirs of the theater, causing them to burst.

Davis' Statement Doubtful.

Will J. Davis, manager of the theater said after the catastrophe, that if the people had remained in their seats and had not been excited by the

fire not a single life would have been lost.

## Died Without Moving.

This is however, contradicted by statements of the firemen who found numbers of people sitting in their seats their faces directed toward the stage as if the performance was still going on. It was the opinion of the firemen these people were suffocated at once by the flow of gas which came from behind the asbestos curtain.

## Thirteen Hundred in House.

It is estimated that 1300 people were in the theatre. Only about three hundred were on the first floor, the others being in the balcony and hallways back of them. From the rear of the east balcony are three doors leading to passageways toward the front of the theatre. Two of these doorways are at the end of the balcony and one in the center.

## Headed to One Entrance.

The audience in its flight seems to have chosen the left entrance and attempted to make their way down the eastern staircase into the lobby. Outside of the people burned and suffocated by gas it was in these two doorways on the first and second balconies the greatest loss of life occurred. When the firemen entered the building, the dead were found stretched in a pile reaching from the head of the stairway at least 20 feet from the door back to a point about five feet in the rear of the door.

## Heaps of Dead.

This mass of dead bodies in the center of the doorway reached to within two feet of the top of the passageway. All the corpses at this point were women and children. The fight for life which must have taken place at these two points is simply beyond human power adequately to describe. Only a faint idea of its horror could be derived from the aspect of bodies as they lay. Women on top of these masses of dead had been overtaken by death as they were crawling on their hands and knees over the bodies of those who had died before.

## Mad Fight for Life.

Others lay with their arms stretched out in the direction toward which lay life and safety holding in their hands fragments of garments torn from their own. They were evidently torn from the clothing of others whom they had endeavored to pull down and trample under foot as they fought for their own lives.

## Taken Out by Layers.

As the police removed layer after layer of the dead in these doorways, the sight became too much even for the police and firemen hardened as they were to such scenes to endure. The bodies were in such an inextricable mass and so tightly jammed between the sides of the door and walls that it was impossible to lift them one by one and carry them out. The only possible thing to do was to seize a limb or some other portion of the body and pull with main strength.

## Rescuers Weep and Sob.

Men worked at the task with tears running down their cheeks, and the sobs of rescuers could be heard even in the hall below where this awful scene was being enacted. A number of men were compelled to abandon the task and give it over to others whose nerves had not as yet been shaken by the awful experience. As one by one the bodies were dragged out of the water-soaked, blackened mass of corpses, the spectacle became more and more heartrending.

## Women Stripped of Clothing.

There were women whose clothing was torn completely from their bodies above the waist, whose bosoms had been trampled into pulp, and whose faces were marred beyond all power of identification. Inside the theater there was no such number of dead in any one spot, but the bodies lay in the first and second balconies in great numbers. In some places they were piled up in the aisles three and four deep, where one had fallen and others tripped over the prostrate

forms and all had died where they lay, evidently suffocated by the gas. Others were bent over the backs of seats where they had been thrown by the rush for the doors and killed without hardly a chance to rise from their seats. One man was found with his back bent nearly double, the spinal column having been fractured as he was thrown backward. A woman was found cut nearly in half by the back of a seat she having been forced over it face downward.

## The Dead in the Aisles.

In the aisles nearest the doors the scenes were harrowing in the extreme. The bodies lay in every conceivable attitude half naked the look on their faces revealing some portion of the agony which must have preceded their death.

## Body Trampled to Mince Meat.

There were scores of people whose entire faces had been trampled completely off by the heels of those who rushed over them and in one aisle the body of a man was found with not a vestige of clothing, flesh or bone remaining above his waist line. The entire upper portion of his body had been cut into mince meat and carried away by the feet of those who trampled him. A search was carefully made with the hope of finding his head but at a late hour tonight it was not discovered and all that will ever tell his friends who he was is the color and appearance of the clothing on the lower limbs and this is in such condition as to be hardly recognizable.

## No Fire Escapes.

The theatre was so recently constructed that fire escape ladders were not yet in place though the balconies to which they were to be attached were up. When the panic was at its height great numbers of women ran for the fire escapes in the alley only to find themselves on a small iron platform 30 to 50 feet from the ground with fire behind them and no means of escape in front.

## Fought Like Maniacs.

The crowd following pressed upon those who reached the platform first and soon the iron ledges were jammed with women who screamed, fought and tore at each other like maniacs. This lasted but a brief interval, and the rush from the interior was so violent that many were crowded off and fell to the granite paved alley below. Others leaped from the platform, fracturing legs and arms and two were picked up at this point with fractured skulls having been killed instantly.

## Few Escape by Walking Plank.

Men occupying offices opposite endeavored to secure ladders to rescue those on the platforms, but not finding one caught up some planks at hand and constructed a bridge across the alley. Before this was completed a loss of time ensued, and women were being pushed every instant into the alley and by the time the bridge was constructed, but few remained to take advantage of it. However about two dozen, it is believed, crossed this narrow causeway.

The members of the theatrical company being on the first floor had comparatively little difficulty in reaching the street. Eddie Foy the comedian, was one of the last to escape, having waited to assist women members of the company to safety. He attributes the extent of the catastrophe to the failure of the fire proof curtain to work properly. Because of this, he said, the flames readily obtained access to the main part of the theatre and were by the draft carried with them in gas as well as fire, swept up to the balconies where loss of life was greatest.

## Foy Tried to Prevent Panic.

Foy said an electric wire broke and grounded and from this the flames started in the rear of the stage spreading rapidly and attacking the scenery. When the fire started he stepped to the footlights and to prevent alarming the audience said there was a slight breeze and it would be better for all to leave quietly. He then called for the asbestos curtain to be

lowered and when it was half way down it refused to go further. The draft then swept the flames into the auditorium and he knew the theatre was doomed and he assisted women members off the company to escape. The curtain's failure to drop probably he said, saved the lives of the company although it caused such a horrible catastrophe in the front of the house.

## Next to Chicago Fire.

Rarely in the history of Chicago has its people been so stirred as by the calamity of today. It is, next to the Chicago fire the greatest catastrophe that ever occurred here, and the speed with which it came and went seemed for a brief period to appal the business section of the city. Crowds rushed to the scene and a heavy detail of police was massed there, who found it for a time, almost impossible to hold back the frenzied people, many of whom had friends or relatives in the theater and were anxious to learn something of them.

## Frenzied Relatives Assault Officers.

The officers held their ground and firmly but gently pushed back those who sought entrance to the theatre, although in some instances frantic men anxious to look for their loved ones, actually beat the officers with their fists in rage at being prevented. A large number, however, succeeded in breaking through the police lines and entering the theater, and in many cases assisted in heroic work rescuing the injured and carrying out the dead.

## Faces Formed Carpet.

The building was so full of smoke when the firemen first arrived that the full extent of the catastrophe was not immediately grasped until a fireman and a newspaper man crawled up to the balcony holding handkerchiefs over their mouths to avoid suffocation. As they reached the door, the fireman, whose vision was better trained in such emergencies seized his companion by the arm exclaiming, "Good God man, don't walk on their faces."

## Work of Rescue Begins.

They tried vainly to get through a door which was jammed with dead women piled higher than either of their heads. The two immediately hurried to the floor below and informed Fire Chief Musham that dead bodies were piled high in the balcony and prompt assistance must be rendered if any were to be saved. The work of the fire was abandoned and firemen went at once to the rescue. The place was in entire darkness, but soon 200 lanterns were carried into the building and the work of rescue commenced. For over an hour two streams of men passed in and out one carrying bodies, the other returning to get more. Although all the patrol wagons and every ambulance owned by the city were pressed into service they were inadequate to carry away the dead.

## Dead Piled on Walk.

Corpses were piled in a line fifty feet long and two and three feet high on the sidewalk and scores were placed in a neighboring restaurant. It was found necessary to use trucks to convey the bodies to morgues and the dead were hauled away practically like so much cordwood. The big stores sent wagon loads of blankets, rolls of linen and packages of cotton to bind up the wounds of the injured and cover the dead. Drug stores furnished their stock to any one asking for it in the name of the injured, and scores of doctors and trained nurses were on the ground giving assistance.

One truck, ordinarily used for conveying freight to depots was so heavily loaded with the dead that horses were unable to start the load and the police were compelled to assist by tugging at the wheels.

## AGED 95 YEARS.

Mrs. Deborah Hollett, mother of Mrs. J. W. Crane, died at her home, 101 W. Crane of this city, died Wednesday at Valparaiso, Ind., aged 95 years. Mrs. Hollett has lived in Valparaiso for 55 years. Mrs. Crane will leave today to attend the funeral.

## DAVIS SAYS THE PANIC

AND NOT THE FIRE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TREMENDOUS LOSS OF LIFE.

## CALCIUM LIGHT THE CAUSE

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Will J. Davis, one of the proprietors of the theater, said as far as he knew there was no need of a single life being lost. That there are forty exits and the building is fire proof and if the cry of fire had not been raised he thinks all, so far as the panic was concerned, could have reached the street in safety. The management of the theater declared tonight the fire was not caused by an electric wire, but, they claim, by the bursting of the calcium light apparatus, the explosion of which blew out the skylight. This statement is contradicted by many who were in the theater and who say that before the explosion they saw a flame near the upper part of the drop curtain. William O. Sellers, house fireman, says he heard the explosion, immediately followed by the cry of fire, that, looking up he saw the curtain alight. He attempted to lower the fire curtain but when half way down the wind from the broken skylight belled it out and it could not be moved. Herbert C. Hawthorne, a member of the cast, is positive the fire was caused by a calcium light. It appeared to him the calcium light flared up and sparks ignited the curtain. He says the house fireman attempted to use the extinguisher but instead of the steam striking the flames he says it went almost in the opposite direction. He then told of the failure of the fire curtain to work and expresses the opinion the fireman might have averted whole affair if he had not become so excited.

## HAD CURTAIN WORKED

CORONER TRAEGER THINKS THE LOSS OF LIFE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE

## BUT DANGER HAD BEEN GREAT

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Coroner Traeger, after an inspection of the theater gave it as his opinion that if the asbestos curtain had been in working order the fire might have been prevented from spreading to the audience chamber. Referring to points in construction, he said the audience could not escape without great delay, and considering the speed with which the flames spread he does not think everybody could have got out alive.

## CALCIUM LIGHT WAS DEFECTIVE

MANAGER W. A. BRADY OF NEW YORK, WHO WAS IN AUDIENCE NOTICED IT.

## EQUALLED DANTE'S INFERNO

Chicago, Dec. 30.—William A. Brady, the well known New York theatrical manager, who was in the audience, in describing the panic likened it to Dante's Inferno, and he told of the terrible speed of the flames and the frantic efforts of the people to escape. He said the scene was the most awful thing imaginable. He assisted in removing 150 bodies which he said "were jammed and twisted together in all shapes. Many of the women and children had been crushed almost dead in their efforts to escape from that living tomb." He said that before the fire started he noticed the calcium light was out of order.

## ANXIOUS FRIENDS UP ALL NIGHT

Surrounded the Morgue and Clamored for Privilege of Trying to Identify Friends.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—All night long grief stricken friends and relatives of the missing persons besieged the morgues where the dead had been carried awaiting identification and many pathetic incidents occurred. Patrick O'Donnell, a wealthy brewer, identified the body of his wife by a ring which he had given her for Christmas. At the undertakers on Madison street where a great crowd was with difficulty held in check by the police, a little woman in black broke from the line and demanding to see her son, who she said was among the dead, then rushed toward the door and then fell fainting into the arms of a policeman. Thousands of people are surrounding the Rolston morgue in Adams street and so anxious were grief stricken people to ascertain that their loved ones were among the victims of the disaster the police were scarcely able to control the situation. The same scene was enacted at a dozen other places where the dead have been carried.



# THE FIRST ROLL OF THE DEAD

Injured and Missing Bears Out the Estimates Given Early in the Evening--The Women and Children Predominate Among the Victims.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The work of identifying the dead is proceeding slowly tonight, the excitement being so intense and in many cases there being little left by which the bodies may be identified. In the following lists the dead and injured, where only names are given, they are from the morgue.

The dead:  
Mrs. F. A. Merrill.  
Mrs. A. Sullivan.  
Wife of Alderman Minwegen.  
Mrs. Harbaugh.  
Mrs. and Hortense Land.  
A. Wilson.  
Mrs. W. T. Marsh.  
Mrs. Donnelly.  
Three men employed in the flies of the stage.

Abbie Raymer, daughter of Alderman Raymer.  
Seventy-five unidentified dead at Ralston's morgue.  
Louis Buchholz.  
Mrs. Patrick P. O'Donnell, wife of president of O'Donnell & Duer Brewing Co.

Otto Wattman.  
R. H. Coult.  
Ann Fitzgibbon.  
Miss Howard.  
Miss Rosa, daughter of Dr. Rosa.  
Helen McCaughan, with party of seven high school girls in balcony.

Mrs. A. Lake.  
Miss A. Donaldson, 18 years old.  
J. Hattay, died at hospital.  
Before death he spoke of two boys who had been with him. The boys are thought to have perished.

C. W. Forbush and family.  
Anna Sterling.  
Three men, employed among the flies on the stage, names unknown.  
Florine, a German aerial performer, taken to Samaritan hospital, died in ambulance.

Ethel Blackman, 13 years, daughter of Harry E. Blackman, freight department Marshall, Field & Co., living at Glenview, Ill.  
Mrs. Cavanaugh, living in Indiana Ave.

Unknown boy, 8 years, burned beyond recognition.  
Two unknown women, met death jumping from rear fire escape while the garments were aflame.

Louise Buchray.  
Marie Walsh, 15 years.  
Mrs. James D. Maloney, wife of a plumber.  
Mrs. Spencer.

Boy, aged 17, lived at Lafayette, Ind.  
Mrs. Foreman.  
Mrs. King, wife of John C. King, attorney.

Philipson, six years, identification uncertain.  
Miss Edith Norton, Ontario, Mich.  
William Ratke.

J. C. Johnson.  
Ethel Jones.  
William M. Reed, Waukegan, Ill.  
Hoyt Fox.

Mrs. L. R. Butler.  
S. Wardman.  
Edmund W. Morton, St. Louis.  
Newby Kookens.

Mrs. Kerk.  
H. Donaldson, address unknown.  
Rev. George Howard Studley, pastor All Strangers' Church.

Miss J. H. Dodd, Delaware, Ohio, was visiting friends at Wheaton, Ill.  
Mrs. V. Dele.  
Bernice Bailey.

A. M. Mandel.  
C. A. Winslow, Three Rivers, Minn.  
Donald Walls.  
Burr Scott.

Forrest A. Peterson.  
Harvey Kelley, St. Louis.  
Thomas Coutail, Embury Hall.  
W. W. Hooper, Kenosha, Wis.

Five children of H. S. Vaningen.  
Kenosha, Probable father became separated from them and is among the injured.

C. W. Turbush and family.  
Mildred Merriam, three years, rescued by father, but died on reaching street.

Thomas J. Flannigan, Indianapolis.  
Mrs. M. A. Henry.  
H. P. Moore.  
C. L. Copper.

May Curran.  
A. E. Moles.  
Rose K. Rogers.  
H. W. Williams.

B. Regenbery.  
Ella Linden.  
Injured Who Will Die.  
The following injured will die:

William G. Patten.  
Mrs. G. Kimball.  
Susan Beah.  
Jessie Pheasant.

Marjorie Buchanan.  
Richard Emling, stage hand.  
Mr. Francis Lehman.  
Miss Mabel Midgill.

M. S. Schalk.  
McKinnon, Eldridge.  
Helen Boyer, Evanston, Ill.  
Louis Kisher and wife, said to have belonged to Blue Beard Company.

Rev. Geo. H. Dudley, pastor All Saints' Episcopal church.  
Walter B. Zessler, son of Dr. Zessler, University of Chicago.  
Lester Dady.

Mrs. A. M. Mendal, wife of retired banker.  
Walter D. Austrian, aged 14, son of Jas. D. Austrian, president Lake Michigan Transportation Company.  
Robert Martin.

John Vaningen, Kenosha, Wis.  
Walter Beasinger.  
Margaret Burman.  
Margaret Wolf, Hammond, Ind.

Alice Kauffman.  
Helen Howard.  
Helen Cooper.  
B. E. Gould.

Walter B. Edler, a boy.  
Nuir, member Traveling Passenger Agents association.  
Mrs. Emma Brykley.

Hoyt Fox.  
Richard and Allen Holst.  
Harold Martin, Pullman, Ill.  
John Holland.

Lulu Shabbard.  
N. H. Sprang.  
Charles H. Koll.  
Mrs. E. Decker.

Mrs. Norton Fox, Winnetka, Ill.  
Annie Noaky.  
Walter Packer.  
James McClelland.

Paul Geary.  
Unidentified man with watch engraved "Ed M."

The injured.  
Anna Tubbs, daughter of Charles Tubbs, brother of F. H. Tubbs, superintendent Western Union Telegraph company, burned on face and hands.  
Emma Tubbs, mother of Anna, serious.

Mrs. Helen Plash.  
Felix and Jessie Guerrisa, children.  
Mrs. Budwell.  
E. A. Evans, member Blue Beard company.

Warren S. Morgan, burned while rescuing his three year old son.  
H. H. Chester, wife and two children.  
Miss Bessie Clinger.

Earl Hennessy.  
H. S. Vaningline and wife.  
Pridmore.  
Nellie Stranger.

Miss L. A. Noirs.  
Mrs. L. E. Mueller.  
Helen Mueller.  
Mrs. William Mueller.

Coria Farther.  
C. C. Kory.  
E. B. Stevenson, Madison, Wis.  
James Schuler.

Adolph Weber.  
Alma Linschinsky.  
Emery Heivills, Pittsburg.  
Miss C. H. Peir, serious.

Miss Livingston.  
W. Reinhardt.  
Miss M. M. M. serious.  
S. A. Murre and wife.

Ralph Comrie.  
L. M. Mellen, Elgin, Ill.  
Miss Nellie Wild.  
Miss Galt.

Miss Stratton.  
Mrs. McGill and daughter, Jane.  
Mrs. Steinhilber.  
S. A. Kilroy and daughter.

Mrs. L. Lehman.  
Mrs. Carrie Anderson.  
Fred, Crawford and William Patterson.  
Adelaide Baker.

Pomeroy.  
L. E. Reed.  
Mrs. George Everett.  
Miss Stewart.

William Schwick.  
Mrs. James Henninger.  
Mrs. D. Seely.  
Mrs. J. J. Johnson.

Mrs. John Holmes.  
Daisy Garlund.  
John Kerwin.  
Orville Radick, 1917 Artesian avenue, seriously.

Mrs. Helen Plash, 3400 Blot Boulevard.  
Mrs. A. A. Bressen.  
Felix and Jesse Guerrier, two children.

Mrs. Emma Lang, 554 45th street.  
C. L. Robert.  
Mrs. Josephine Spencer.  
Mary Muegner.

Emmett Hewins, Petersburg, Ind.  
Lillie Ackerman.  
A. C. Jones, will die.  
Miss Estelle Muir.

Louise Diffendorf, Lincoln, Ill.  
Louis Dea, will die, found late at night after being reported missing.  
Affy Treveller.

Diffendorf.  
Lewis Rushback.  
While fighting his way back to rescue his daughter and Louis Bushway, of Chicago, from whom he had become separated, but who escaped, though both were burned badly.

William C. Sellers.  
Mrs. Lang lost her two daughters, Hortense, 16, and Irene, 11, who are believed to be among the dead.  
Herman Dell, 268 Division street, both hands burned off.

Mrs. Wigwall, 4458 Oakwald ave., fatally.  
William McLaughlin, nephew of Dr. Frank Gonsalus, serious.  
Mrs. C. Kram, Racine, Wis., will die.

Winifred Lindsay, 17 years old, face and arms burned.  
Emmett Kingsley, 2752 North Paulina street, probably die.  
Elizabeth Trowbridge, 26th and Calumet, serious.

Fred and Joe Kingsley.  
Warren F. Morgan, 1496 Webster avenue, burned while rescuing three year old son.  
Miss Marcella Morgan, Detroit, may die.

M. A. Merriam, seriously injured while saving his daughter, Mildred.  
Lester Doty, 7 years old.  
Verdell Clark.

Mrs. Henry Miller, Ontario, Mich.  
Miss Gladys Stetson, Alpena, Mich.  
Louise Hunsell, 801 Wellington avenue.

Frank Dooley, son of Justice Dooley, according to Stage Manager Carlson, all theatrical people are accounted for, though some were slightly burned.  
Auntford, queen of the fairies, and Dottie Marlow of the Pony ballet.

The Missing.  
Joe Kingsley, his mother seriously injured.  
Mrs. Lulu Greenwald and son.

Henry Boehl.  
Mrs. C. Jackson and son and daughter, C. Aurora, Ill.  
John Fitzgibbon.

Edna May Swift.  
Mrs. Arthur Bergh and son.  
Mrs. M. Stark, Des Moines, Ia.  
Mrs. J. J. Tuttle, Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. M. Fredericks.  
Anna Osen.  
Mrs. Mary Plamondon and guests attending her theater party.  
Miss M. Overlook from Virginia, guest of A. L. Thomas.

Remington Thomas.  
Mrs. Charles Page.  
Mrs. Sestek.  
Mrs. Mary Mead.

Lena and Ann Noak, Watertown, Wis.  
Irma Workoff.  
Edna May Furney.  
W. T. Boyce and wife and daughter.

A. F. Gortz.  
J. W. Bruckner.  
D. Russ, address unknown.  
Florence Oxnem.

Rosemond Schmidt.  
Elvira Olson.  
Helen Howard.  
Miss Rish.

A. Maker.  
Mrs. Frank Berg, son Victor, and daughters Olga and Fossalin.  
Mrs. John Guthardt and daughter,

Bliza.  
Mrs. Kavanaugh.  
Mrs. M. Reiss and two children.  
Mrs. Rose Bloom.  
Hazel Brown.  
Mrs. Bailey.  
Mrs. McKenna and son, Belle Prinney.  
Florence Hutchins, Waukegan, Ill.  
Mary and Bertha Gartz, colored nurse of Gartz children.  
Miss Jennie French, Kirksville, Mo.  
Miss "Lately" Reid.  
Rev. Richardson.  
Edna Torney.  
Mrs. Thos. A. Cantwell, mother of Attorney Robert Cantwell.  
Mrs. A. E. Hull and three children.

Miss Mary Trobes.  
Mrs. Emily Fox, mother of Hoyt Fox and her son and daughter. All live at Winnetka, Ill.  
Lucille Mead, Berwyn.

Miss Hinkle, Berwyn.  
Edward and Emma Dee, children.  
Joseph Cullison.  
John Holland, Des Moines.  
Miss Nina Hansen.

Mrs. Mary Tariat and two daughters.  
John Kennedy, Austin, Ill.  
Mrs. A. C. Kennedy, Freeport, Ill.  
H. Ludwig, wife and two daughters, Norwood Park.

Mrs. E. Jones.  
Elva Fowler.  
Mrs. David.  
Mrs. A. Roeken, Zanesville, Ohio, and two daughters.

Misses Bessie and Nina Chapman, Cedar Rapids, Ia.  
Miss Anna McChristie.  
Miss Charles Hickman.  
Mrs. Agnes Newman and son.

Mrs. Wm. Bartlett and son and daughter.  
Elsie Meyer, West Grossdale, Ill.  
Mrs. Pearl Wunderlich.  
Mrs. Edward Frazier.

Mrs. Danier, Burlington, Ia.  
Mrs. Koll.  
Mrs. Polly and five children.  
May Marx.

Maude Smith, Desplaines, Ill.  
Marous Smith.  
Will and Frank Garne, children.  
Mrs. Ella Hust.

Flora Gark.  
Lena Hoffelintz.  
Mrs. Francis Kircher.  
Mrs. Edna Sylvester.

Clara Willis.  
Mrs. Willis Wagner.  
Harriet Wolf.  
Margaret Devine.

Ruth Beyersdorf, Evanston, Ill.  
John Miller, address unknown.  
Julia Brewster.  
Rae Lowitz.

Mrs. Susan Turney.  
Mrs. Barton and daughter.  
Lillie Gass.  
Ray Greenwald.

George Sexton, Beloit, Wis.  
Walter Thatcher.  
Mrs. A. Alexander.  
M. R. Rhimes.

William C. Bental.  
Hanna Walcott.  
Mrs. Laura Bolt.  
Josephine Philat.

Roy Greenwald.  
Theodore Robert, Woodford, Ill.  
Mrs. Edna Wilcox.  
Bessie Greenwald.

Jesse Linemeyer, Evanston, Ill.  
Adele Beegenburg.  
Eva Hiler.  
Miss Joseph Strong, mother and niece.

Dorothy Murphy.  
Harry Reilly.  
Mrs. F. S. Butler and son.  
Archie and Robert Hippach, boys.

Helen, Mary and Caroline Long, children, Geneva, Ill.  
Mrs. H. H. Stafford.  
Emma E. Carban.  
Lewie Brewer.

Mrs. Hilda Holmes.  
G. Sidney Fox.  
Mrs. C. D. Bartlett and sister, Mrs. Anna Anderson and niece, Gertrude Bartlett, Ill.

Mrs. William Dawson, Barrington, Ill.  
William Bourtel.  
Mary D. Gartz.

Leola Buschwah.  
Leigh Holland.  
Warner Sedill, Kankakee, Ill.  
Herman Eisenstadt, (Previously missing).

Unidentified girl at morgue.  
Carrie J. Sayors.  
Mrs. Sarah Kranz, Racine, Wis.  
Winthrop Spring.

Herman Vein.  
Harry Hudson, member "The Billionaire" company, Illinois theater.  
B. E. Gould, Elgin, Ill. His wife was injured.

Mrs. W. Spring.  
Fred W. Leatin.  
Beane Boise.  
C. M. Blokford.

Mrs. J. H. Stangler, Lowell, Ind.  
Unidentified woman.  
Mrs. B. Barker.  
Edward L. Vaningen (previously missing).

Elizabeth Hart and Mattie Martin, Evanston, Ill.  
Ben Moore and family of five.  
Agnes Chapin.

Tyrnell Essig.  
Miss T. C. Peterson, Frago, N. D.  
Thomas Welners and two members of family.

Mary Donahue.  
Mrs. Andrew Early.  
Miss Amy Owens.  
Arthur Carlie, member "Billionaire" company.

William Ahren.  
Helen Dewey.  
Erene Cunningham.  
Mrs. M. Stark, Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. S. Stockard, address unknown.  
Barlow Clayton.  
Bicker Glenn.  
Dora Mitchell.

Mrs. Anna Dixon.  
Edna Dixon.  
Ella Dubois.  
Mary Schartz, Custer Park, Ill.

Son of Mrs. J. N. Steugler, Lowell, Ind.  
Herald Bliss, Racine, Wis.  
Mrs. Nellie Steninger, Tipton, Cedar county, Iowa.

C. G. Mabel, Zella, Claire, Russell and Carleton Mucker.  
M. R. McKay.  
Joseph Besnek and wife.

GHOUTS THERE OF COURSE  
Men With Baskets Filling Them With Property Found in the Theater.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Two men were arrested in the theater while the dead and injured were being carried out.

They had baskets and were filling them with property of the dead. Over a dozen men, accused of being thieves or pickpockets, were arrested tonight.

Strikers Refuse.  
W. D. Moore, a lively stable proprietor, responding to a request that carriages be sent for relief of the sufferers, agreed to give his carriages for the work. He later stated he had telephoned to headquarters of the striking drivers asking if they would drive to the theater to help remove the wounded. He says they flatly refused to do so.

NO EQUAL IN WORLD'S FIRES  
It Was Most Destructive Fire in a Play House That Has Ever Been Known.

OTHER GREAT CONFLAGRATIONS  
Chicago, Dec. 30.—The Iroquois theater disaster was vastly more destructive to human life than any other theater house fire in the history of the world. The fire next to it in point of lives lost occurred December 5, 1876, in Conways' Brooklyn theater, Brooklyn, N. Y., where 295 perished.

On December 30, 1851, seventy-five burned to death in the Richmond, Va., theater. The world supplies no instance of fires in theaters that may be classed with the three mentioned.

SAW IT WHEN A TINY SPARK  
Electrician Farrell Made Ineffective Attempt to Extinguish Flames and Failed.

Manager Stops the Company  
John E. Farrell, the stage electrician, saw the fire when it was a tiny flame running up the canvas border of the curtain. He climbed a ladder and attempted to extinguish the blaze with his hands but was badly burned. He dashed a hand grenade at the fire the falling fluid nearly blinding him. Some actors and actresses attempted to leap into the orchestra pit where they probably would have died.

They were driven back by Stage Manager Cummins, who stood in front and threatened to kill any one who attempted to pass him. They sprang back and all escaped by the rear door. Fifty supernumeraries were penned below the stage and cut off from all exits. They were rescued by being hoisted through a coal hole.

OWNER WILL DAVIS  
IN STATE OF COLLAPSE  
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Will J. Davis, one of the proprietors of the theater, collapsed tonight under worry and distress occasioned by the catastrophe.

PATHETIC SCENES AT OFFICE  
Relatives and Friends of the Dead Plored Piteously for Information Which Couldn't Be Given.

REITERATE THEIR FIRST CLAIM  
Chicago, Dec. 30.—The scene around the manager's office was a constant succession of tragic episodes. People pleaded pathetically for information regarding their missing friends which could not be given. The saddest of all was that of a woman who sought her son and falling to secure the desired information, tottered sorrowfully back to the street.

The proprietors of the theater made a statement this (Thursday) morning. It differs but little from the statements made by those who were on the stage, the explanation of the failure of the fire curtain to work being the same as that of the house fireman. They insist the building was as near fire proof as could be made, there being nothing combustible except the trimmings and dressings of the stage and auditorium.

IMPALED ON BALCONY RAIL  
Twelve Year Old Girl Evidently Thrown From the Second Balcony.

INFANT TRAMPLED TO DEATH.  
Chicago, Dec. 30.—About a score of people in the second balcony were saved by a fireman who took them down ladders in the rear of the building.

The body of a 12 year old girl was found impaled on an iron railing of the first balcony, evidently having been thrown from the second balcony. With all the clothing torn from it, a pair of baby shoes, the body of a twelve year old girl was found in the corner of the second balcony. It had evidently been knocked from its mother's arms and was trampled beyond all recognition.

LOSS ON THEATER  
QUARTER OF MILLION  
Owners so Confident Building Was Fireproof That Carried Only \$100,000 Insurance.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPE  
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Miss Charlotte E. Plamondon, who was present with a party of guests telling a graphic story of the fire following the breaking out of the scene. She noticed the fire creep along the top of the drop curtain and called attention of her party to it. They all watched it. Miss Plamondon said she could see the children in the orchestra pointing upwards toward the slowly moving flames. A stage hand appeared and advised the audience there was no danger. Eddie Foy did the same.

"The curtain, however, still burned," said Miss Plamondon, "pieces of smoldering cloth falling into the orchestra pit. An effort was made by the stage hands to arrange the curtain so that blazing fragments would not drop into the pit. I looked over the faces of the audience and remarked how many children were present. I could see their faces filled with inter-

eat and their eyes wide open as they watched the burning curtain. "People in the balcony rose to obtain a better view of the fire. A woman in the rear of the place screamed "Fire," and the entire audience rose to their feet, filled with terror. In another instant there was a confusion of roar made by a thousand people as they rushed rapidly from the impending danger. Chorus girls on the stage who had exhibited admirable presence of mind, turned to flee, but several were overcome and fell to the stage, and were carried off by stage hands.

A Great Roar.  
The upholstery on the box occupied by the party was then on fire, the fragments falling on the clothing of the ladies. "There came a great roar," said Miss Plamondon, "and a great draft of air, and flames shot out over the parquet of the theater until it seemed to me as though they must reach the very front walls of the building. There were but few men in the audience, but I saw several of them pulling and pushing women and children as they fought like maniacs to reach the exits. I saw a number of little children trampled under foot and none of them rose again. In the balcony the scene was beyond my power to describe. There was a big crush of human beings, each one apparently fighting everybody else. The balcony was so steep that many fell before they had left the first row of seats. The exits to the fire escapes were choked and those in the rear rushed with all the strength they possessed upon those nearer the doorway."

Fall When Almost Safe.  
Her party jumped from the box and started up the aisle. Miss Plamondon says many about her fell as they reached the doors where a few steps more would have carried them to fresh air, as she said, "I look at a number of prostrate bodies as I struggled through the opening. All her party escaped without injury."

Boy Almost Scalped.  
Many other stories of terrifying scenes are told by survivors. A little boy escaping with his mother was seized by the head by a man who attempted to throw the child from his path. The boy's scalp was practically torn from his head.

OTHER GREAT DISASTERS.  
Larger Loss of Life But None More Horrible.  
While the loss of life, was not as great as on the occasion of the three greatest floods the world has known, the disaster was more terrible on account of the horrible manner in which some of the people were killed.

The loss of life, however, was greater than of the last flood at Topeka and surrounding cities. The following figures show the loss of life occasioned by the three greatest floods and also the last one.

Toulouse, France, 1875.....1,000  
Johnstown, Pa., 1889.....2,142  
Galveston, Texas, 1900.....5,000  
Topeka, Kans., 1903.....231  
Chicago theater fire.....758

The last big catastrophe in a place of amusement in this country previous to this one was the fall of Madison Square Garden in New York City in the same 1890's when many persons were killed and injured. The death list then, however, was not as large as this one.

The Iroquois theater fire was the worst theater accident in history. Several years ago in Paris a fire occurred in a big building where a large fair was being held and royalty and citizens were killed and injured.

GREAT RELIEF FOR REVELL  
Reached Theater to Find His Daughter, Guest and Maid Safe.

HELPED CARRY OUT THE DEAD  
Chicago, December 30.—Alexander H. Revell, who had sent his daughter and little friend to the theater in charge of a maid heard of the tragedy while at his residence. He drove madly to the theater and by the greatest good fortune encountered the hysterical maid, who informed him the children were safe. He then entered the theater and assisted in the work of rescue.

Recounting his experience in the balcony he said:  
"The sight of those poor women and their little children with clenched fists raised as though trying to beat their way to safety and stricken down in the very act is too horrible to attempt to describe."

INSPECTED THE HOUSE.  
Among the Decatur persons who have visited the new theater are Chas. Laux. He was in the building one afternoon just after it was opened. Visitors were not wanted that day but he made his way in and went all over the building. The theater had three balconies and in commenting upon that fact Mr. Laux said that when looking down toward the stage from the top gallery it seemed to him like looking down a well and he then made up his mind that he would not go into the top row to see an entertainment. He said that now that the disaster has occurred, he would not go into the top row to see an entertainment. He said that now that the disaster has occurred, he would not go into the top row to see an entertainment.

Had Many Exits.  
At the Decatur hotel among the guests was a traveling man who had attended a performance at the ill-fated house and had to make the third effort to reach the street door before he succeeded. He did not ask any one to show him out for the reason that he recognized the fact that he would be regarded as an interloper.

COOKS AND WAITERS RESCUE  
Head Cook Little Performed Valiant Service in Aiding Women and Children Escape.

A WOMAN'S SKULL FRACTURED.  
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Waiters and cooks from Thompson's restaurant adjoining the theater rescued fifteen people by raising a ladder from the roof of a shed to a window in the rear of a building, through which a mass of screaming women and children were congregated. C. Little, head cook, mounted the top of the ladder and told them to jump into his arms. Fifteen women and children did this and were passed by Little down to other men on the ladder below them. One woman attempted to jump into his arms before he was ready to take hold of her and she fell to the alley, fracturing her skull, dying instantly.

MARRIED.  
Price-Fight.  
Francis M. P. Prince of Nokomis and Miss Lella E. Right of Bement were married Wednesday by Justice Keeler at his office on East Main street. The groom is a farmer.

## MRS. FRANK LEAVENWORTH ONE OF PANIC'S VICTIMS

A Message Received Late Last Night Said That She Had Been Seriously and Perhaps Fatally Injured.

IT WAS KNOWN THAT SHE ATTENDED THEATER

Chas. Laux and George W. Powers, of Decatur Are Among Those Who Had Visited the New Play House.

Mrs. L. Frank Leavenworth of Decatur, was one of the victims of the Chicago disaster. She is seriously, probably fatally injured.

The news was received in Decatur in a telegram about 11:30 p. m. but the husband and son who were in Decatur were almost prepared for the worst as they knew that Mrs. Leavenworth had tickets for the matinee and would probably attend.

The Message.  
The telegram from Mr. Leavenworth from his mother was as follows:  
"Come on first train, Carrie seriously, probably fatally injured."

"Mother."  
This message came after several hours of anxious waiting on the part of J. L. Leavenworth and his son, Frank Leavenworth, Jr. They knew that Mrs. Leavenworth expected to attend the theater and on hearing of the accident they at once sent a message to Chicago. The first telegram went at 6:30 o'clock in the evening. At 9:30 another telegram was sent.

Worst Was Feared.  
Mr. Leavenworth, the oldest son, not receiving a reply that the worst might be expected supposing that no one was at his mother's home where Mrs. Leavenworth was visiting.

Mr. Leavenworth and son had determined to leave for Chicago on the 1 o'clock train whether or not any word was received and at 11:30 o'clock the telegram reached Decatur and Mr. Leavenworth and son left at 1 a. m. for Chicago.

Sad Feature.  
There was a sad feature in connection with the fact that Mrs. Leavenworth was one of the unfortunate. She was in Chicago



